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SUBJECT: Treasure Island Estimate, EE Division

1. Assuming that the same Satellite newspapers have been received since 1945 as are being currently received, a total of 83,370 newspapers have been received in the 3 years since 1945 (including the Scandinavian countries: Sweden, Norway, and Denmark), or 60,000 (excluding the Scandinavian countries). It is estimated that one person can extract basic intelligence from about 1,500 of these newspapers per year. Thus it would require 40 linguists one year to process the backlog of newspapers for the Satellite countries (Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Albania) or 51 (if Scandinavian countries are included). This figure of 40 personnel does not include administrative and ancillary personnel.

2. On the same initial assumption, about 5,000 periodicals have been received (including the Scandinavian countries) or 3,000 (excluding the Scandinavian countries). While it is impossible to estimate how many of these periodicals would be worth extracting, it is roughly estimated that one half would contain basic intelligence (economic-industrial) and that it would require 8 linguists to extract information from the 3-year backlog of Satellite periodicals (11 if the Scandinavian countries are included).

3. There is no basis whatsoever for making an analogous estimate for processing books.

4. Total personnel required, then, to extract "arrearage" of Satellite newspapers and periodicals is 48 linguists (without Scandinavian countries), 67 (including Scandinavian countries) plus administrative and ancillary personnel.

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